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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UN
SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON UN "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER"
AND REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

SUMMARY: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS BELIEVE
"NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" PROBLEMS AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION
ARE MANAGEABLE. NEW QUAI UN DIRECTOR REQUESTED JUNE-
JULY SCHEDULING OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS.
EMBASSY ENDORSES THIS REQUEST AND RECOMMENDS EARLY
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RESPONSE.

1. FRENCH MFA OFFICIALS BELIEVE LDC DRIVE FOR "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" IS BEGINNING TO LOSE SOME STEAM. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH US OVER PAST WEEKS, THEY HAVE NOTED THAT ALGERIAN TACTIC OF BUILDING MOMENTUM AMONG NON-ALIGNED (EG AT DAKAR' ALGIERS CONFERENCES) INEVITABLY SLOWS DOWN WHEN LDC'S ARE PLACED BEFORE REALITIES OF ECONOMIC PROBLEM-SOLVING IN LARGER FORA SUCH AS RECENT GENEVA OR VIENNA MEETINGS. THEY SEE LDC'S AS DIVIDED, WITH SOME LESS EAGER TO FIGHT DC'S THAN OTHERS, AND BELIEVE THAT MAJORITY WILL PROGRESSIVELY TIRE OF BATTLE. THEY BELIEVE THAT NEW ECONOMIC ORDER HAS BECOME LESS EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH WILL BE FURTHER DILUTED AS UN MEMBERS MOVE TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFICS SUCH AS INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, ST. LEGIER (NEW MFA UN DIRECTOR) SAID MARCH 7 THAT HE BELIEVES HIGH WATER MARK OF UNGA DOMINATION BY LDC VOTING MAJORITY WAS PASSED LAST YEAR, WHEN DC'S WERE SURPRISED BY EXTENT OF LDC VOTING MAJORITY AND THEIR TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT ATTITUDE. HE EMPHASIZED DC'S WILL NOT BE UNPREPARED AGAIN; IN INTERIM BEFORE SPECIAL UNGA, THERE WILL BE ALMOST CONTINUOUS SERIES OF CONFERENCES WHICH DC'S SHOULD PUT TO GOOD USE TO PREPARE INITIATIVES IN ANTICIPATION OF SPECIAL UNGA. HE FEELS PARTICULARLY THAT DC'S SHOULD TRY TO WORK OUT WHAT COULD BE A "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" WHICH DC'S THEMSELVES COULD SUPPORT.

3. ACCORDING ST. LEGIER, UNIDO II WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR DC'S TO TAKE POSITION ON ELEMENTS OF SPECIAL UNGA AGENDA. HE SAID PARIS BELIEVES DC'S CAN NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF G-77 TEXT, WHEREAS BONN WOULD PREFER TO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE TEXT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS GOF VIEW DOES NOT MEAN IT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT G-77 TEXT THIS YEAR ANY MORE THAN IT HAD AT LAST YEAR'S SPECIAL

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UNGA. HE SAID SUCH TEXTS, EVEN IF ADOPTED BY UNGA, DEFINITELY REPRESENT G-77 RATHER THAN "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY", AND THE LDC'S ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THIS.

4. ST. LEGIER SAID SECOND AGENDA ITEM FOR SPECIAL UNGA, "MODIFICATION OF UN STRUCTURES", IS INTERESTING TO GOF IF IT INVOLVES RATIONALIZATION OR TIGHTENING UP OF PRESENT DISORDER AND DUPLICATION. UNFORTUNATELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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LDC'S SEE THIS AGENDA ITEM AS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR POWER BASE, ESPECIALLY IN ECOSOC. ST. LEGIER SINGLED OUT THIS AS SUBJECT ON WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE POLICY WITH USG.

5. IN CLOSING, ST. LEGIER EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR "ANNUAL" GOF-USG CONSULTATIONS AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL IN PREPARATION FOR UNGA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY ST.

LEGIER'S PREDECESSOR, LEPRETTE. AGAINST BACKGROUND
OF DIFFICULTY IN SCHEDULING WHICH AROSE LAST YEAR, ST.
LEGIER PROPOSED THAT HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR
BUFFUM SHOULD BE SET UP NOW, IF POSSIBLE, FOR LATE
JUNE OR EARLY JULY. HE IS PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON
OR TO WELCOME AMBASSADOR BUFFUM IN PARIS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE ON
POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING ST. LEGIER-BUFFUM CONSULTA-
TIONS, WHICH EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES.
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